

The Nonvenereal Diseases of the Genitals ; Etiology, Differential Diagnosis, and Therapy. By Fritz T. Callomon and John F. Wilson. 1956. Pp. xiii + 382, 150 figs. Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford. (95s.)

This is a brave attempt by two dermatologists to present an exhaustive account of all conditions which may have genital manifestations. Many will think that this self-imposed task is impossible of achievement, but the authors are to be congratulated on presenting in one volume information which hitherto has had to be sought in the texts of several specialties. Its chief value will be as a book of reference and each chapter concludes with a list of the numerous books and articles quoted by the authors. Whilst venereal diseases are proscribed by the title of the book they obviously demand and receive consideration under the heading of differential diagnosis.

The importance of biopsy study is emphasized and the need for it is made clear, especially in respect of the less common and superficial conditions ; the histological findings are consequently described at some length. The views presented are essentially orthodox and the sections on therapy are surprisingly up to date. There are 150 illustrations in black-and-white of varying clarity, and the quality of paper and production is excellent but is unfortunately reflected in the price. There are only a few typographical errors and also some inaccuracy in the references ; both author and subject indexes are full. In Britain, at least, many persons developing genital lesions seek diagnosis in the venereal diseases clinic and consequently the venereologist should have a wide knowledge of the genital manifestations of disease in general. This new book will assist him and should also be of interest to dermatologist, gynaecologist, and genito-urinary surgeon.

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The following participants at the First International Symposium on Venereal Diseases and the Treponematoses have agreed to serve on the Executive Committee formed with the sole purpose of arranging for the establishment of the International Treponematoses Award.

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At a meeting held at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., on May 29, 1956, Dr. F. W. Reynolds was elected Chairman and Dr. R. R. Willcox was elected Secretary.